

Georgetown City Council Meeting
January 24, 2011
6:00 p.m.

The Georgetown City Council Meeting convened with Mayor Everette Varney presiding, members present, Lusby, McEuen, Penn, Prather, Singer, Skinner, Tackett, and Thompson. Councilman Singer led the pledge of allegiance after a moment of silence.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by McEuen, second by Prather to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2011 Council Meeting. Motion unanimously approved.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF BILLS:

Mayor Varney requested council to acknowledge receipt of bills. **Council acknowledged receipt of all bills.**

3. PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Ginny Kladis on behalf of John Jones informed the public about the Black History Program that will be held February 5, 2011 at 6pm. Myrlie Evers-Williams will be the keynote speaker and the program will be held at John L. Hill Chapel. Tickets for the event are \$20.00.

David Livingston informed the mayor and council about the Safety Grant Program offered by the Kentucky League of Cities. The city has coverage with KLC so is eligible for this grant. This program is a 50/50 matching grant.

David also shared information about Agility Recovery. This is a disaster recovery service that KLC offers during emergencies. There is no charge for this service. If the city decides to create a plan David would like to be involved.

David discussed Alternative Dispute Resolution. ADR allows mediation to work out problems between the city and its employees with a third party. If program is in affect there is a 5 percent discount on public official's liability. This program is designed around the police bill of rights. 80 percent employee participation is required for discount.

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

The Mayor reminded the council about the leadership retreat on Saturday from 9-4 at the Thomas and King Leadership Center.

The Mayor informed council that city attorney Frank Edelen Jr. had resigned saying the commute from Northern KY. was too far. The Mayor thanked Doug McSwain for stepping in as legal council until the city finds another attorney.

The next council meeting will be on February 7th 2011 due to Valentines Day falling on the second Monday in February. Councilman Singer requested the meeting be conducted as a regular council meeting not a special meeting. Mayor Varney confirmed that the meeting would be a regular meeting.

5. REQUEST GMWSS PROJECT APPROVAL:

A. Billy Jenkins requested approval for the alternate bid from C& R Asphalt to pave the access road to the main pump station for the Stamping Ground Sewer Plant. The bid is in the amount of \$24,200.00. **Motion by Councilman Lusby, second by Councilman Thompson to approve the alternate bid from C&R Asphalt for \$24,200.00. Motion unanimously approved.**

B. Jenkins asked the mayor and council if they had questions about the rate study that was being done. Councilman Singer asked about drought conditions and the purchasing of water and if rates would increase. Jenkins said that he was still putting rate information together but that in 2009 the water company had purchased 12 percent of production and this year 25 percent was purchased. Jenkins also said that the Frankfort Plant Board had raised their rates 90 percent since 1997. Kentucky American has raised rates 135 percent. Georgetown has had a 7 percent increase during this time period. This does not include the Kentucky River Authority fee which has increased in Frankfort and with Kentucky American Water. Georgetown Water has not increased this fee. A minimum contract must be bought from Frankfort for the water that is purchased and that has just been signed for another 20 years. There is no guaranteed lock in price for the water that is purchased. Jenkins said the most economic solution for Georgetown was the reservoir. Steve Price voiced his concern about water usage saying he collects all of his water and is self sufficient.

6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF SIGNATURES ON CITY BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS:

City Attorney Doug McSwain presented resolution #11-001 related to the designation of signatures on city bank and investment accounts. **Motion by Councilman McEuen, second by Councilman Prather to approve Resolution 11-001. Motion unanimously approved.**

7. APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR:

Betty Pendergrass explained that the budget could fund the five months for a human resource director and that in 2012 we would budget for a human resource director. Mayor Varney said that we were in need of a qualified individual for this role to help the city employees. **Motion by Councilman Thompson, second**

by Councilman Penn to approve the advertisement for a human resource director. Motion unanimously approved.

8. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:

Eric Larson has asked for two volunteers to serve on the traffic committee. Councilman Prather and Councilwoman Tackett have volunteered for this committee.

9. WAGE AND SALARY STUDY:

Brad Penn expressed concern about city employee pay and benefits. He feels we may not be competitive with surrounding communities. He would like for the council to consider allowing the mayors office to investigate companies who do this type of survey. The mayor said that this would be a good project for the future H.R Director. **Motion was made by Councilman Penn, second by Councilman Thompson to have the mayors' office investigate a wage and salary study. Motion unanimously approved.**

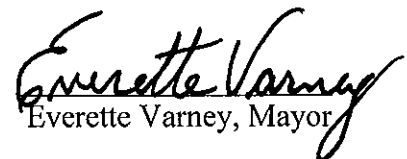
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilman Singer, second by Councilwoman Tackett to enter executive session. Pursuant to KRS 61.878 (1) (c) to discuss litigation issues for which disclosure of details might compromise litigation posture.

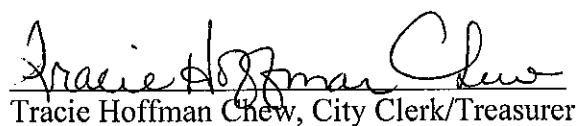
Motion by Councilwoman Tackett, second by Councilman Prather to re-enter regular session of the council meeting. No action taken. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion by Councilman Singer, second by Councilman Prather to adjourn the council meeting. Motion unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY:


Everett Varney, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:


Tracie Hoffman Chew, City Clerk/Treasurer